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Honorable Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action dated May 24, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application.

The **Current Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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